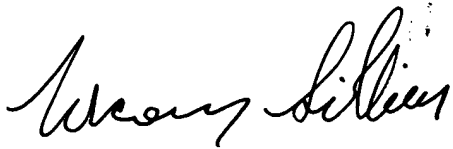


DECLARATION IN LIEU OF OATH

I, Silviu Turcan of Romanian citizenship, knowing fully that any wilful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both and may jeopardise the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon, solemnly declare that:

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the present application.

All statements made of my own knowledge in the present application are true and made on information and belief to be true.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Silviu Turcan', with a stylized, cursive script.

Silviu Turcan
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